(d) by when Government will dispose of the matter regarding reconstitution of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) IBP Company Limited has approved 6 pending reconstitution proposals during the last three months which have been found eligible as per the laid down policy of company.

(b) to (d) IBP Company Limited has received 2 letters from Members of Parliament for the reconstitution of a Retail Outlet, M/s Ganga Auto Aids, Kapashera, New Delhi during the last two months. However, in the absence of relevant documents and information, the Management could not take any decision, and reply.

Adulteration of fuel in Bangalore

132. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air pollution is alarming in Bangalore due to rampant fuel adulteration with Kerosene and Naphtha;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken or propose to take to supply quality fuel; and

(c) the details of the cases filed against fuel adulteration in Bangalore during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The pollution level of air in Bangalore as per the report of the Central Pollution Control Board, was within the permissible limit in the case of Sulphur Dioxide both during the years 2000 & 2001, but in the case of nitrogen dioxide, it was more during the year 2000 only. In the case of respirable suspended particulate matter, it was more during the years 2000 as well as in 2001.

(b) The following steps have been taken to prevent adulteration of petrol and diesel, such as:—

(i) blue dyeing and furfural doping of PDS kerosene.

(ii) regular/surprise inspections at retail outlets.

(iii) setting up of Anti Adulteration Cell and empowering of officers of the Cell with powers of Search and Seizures under various Control Orders issued under the Essential Commodities Act.

(iv) increase in the number of mobile labs for checking of adulteration of petrol and diesel at the retail outlets.

(v) taking punitive action against retail outlets found indulging in adulteration as laid down in the Marketing Discipline Guidelines 2001 and/or in terms of Dealership Agreement.

(vi) empowering the State Governments also to carry out inspection of retail outlets and take appropriate action under the Essential Commodities Act against erring dealers in case any malpractices/irregularities are detected.

(c) information is given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of cases filed against fuel adulteration in Bangalore during last two years

Name of Retail Outlet	Details of Cases filed
M/s. Fauzdar Petroleum, Sanjay Nagar, Bangalore	The Retail Outlet was raided by the Police Party on 26.05.2001. During the raid, a tank lorry was found decanting unauthorised product. The Police seized the product and the Retail Outlet was sealed. A case has been registered by the Police against the dealer.

Name of Retail Outlet	Details of Cases filed
M/s. Trinity Service Station, M.G. Road, Bangalore	The Retail Outlet was raided by the Police on 26.05.2001 and the petrol pump was seized. An FIR was also filed against the dealer. As per court orders the retail outlet was handed over to Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and at present the retail outlet is being run as a Company Owned Company Operated (COCO) through job contractor.

Domestic production of oil

133. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our dependence on imported oil is increasing;

(b) if so, the magnitude of demand for petroleum products being met by imported oil; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to increase domestic production of crude oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The country's dependence in crude oil import to meet the demand during the last two years and current year is as follows:

1999-2000	68%
2000-2001	69%
2001-2002	68%